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### TO BE SHOT.

Three Americans in Mexico Have Been  
Sentenced to Be Shot, For Poi-  
soning Man to Get Insur-  
ance Money.

A dispatch from El Paso to the  
San Antonio Express, says:

C. T. Richardson, William Ma-  
son and Dr. C. S. Harle, the three  
Americans who decoyed two of  
their fellow countrymen, one a  
relative, into a net in Chihuahua;  
insured their lives and poisoned  
them to get the insurance money  
from the New York Life, must  
pay the penalty with their own  
lives. The criminal court of Chi-  
huahua sentenced the three men  
to be shot.

The arrest took place in El  
Paso three years ago and after a  
long fight the men were finally  
extradited to Chihuahua for trial  
for murdering two victims for the  
collection of insurance money. By  
reason of the fact that Dr. Harle  
formerly practiced medicine in  
El Paso and that one of the al-  
leged murdered men, James  
Devers, was picked up in El Paso  
and enticed to Chihuahua by in-  
surance sharks, the case has had  
a particular interest for Texans.

Then, too, the long fight against  
extradition was conducted here the  
first time, and then went to Pecos,  
where the Mexican Government's  
request was granted. The three  
prisoners were in jail in El Paso  
for over a year. At first only  
Richardson and Mason were ar-  
rested and the arrest of Harle fol-  
lowed, on his own testimony in El  
Paso as to the part he took in the case  
augmented by that of other witness-  
es.

The diabolical murder by the  
insurance swindlers of William  
Mitchell, a half-brother of Mason  
and a brother-in-law of Richardson,  
for the purpose of collecting insur-  
ance, lent additional horror to the  
case. It was the plan of the  
sharks to insure a sick man and  
have another pass the examination,  
Richardson being the insurance  
agent, Mason, the man who went  
up for examination and Harle  
being the examining physician. Both  
of the victims were poisoned and,  
after collecting the insurance,  
Richardson and Mason moved to  
Dallas, where their high living  
attracted the attention of the in-  
surance company and they got the  
detectives after them.

Before coming here they practi-  
ced law in Rochester, N. Y. In  
Rochester Mason was known as  
William Mitchell and Richardson  
went by the name of Leslie E.  
Hurlburt. They left there sud-  
denly because of alleged crooked-  
ness in divorce cases which they  
handled. The case is one of the  
most noted in the history of Amer-  
ican manipulation in Mexico and  
is declared the boldest life insur-  
ance swindle on record.

It is stated on the authority of a  
London magazine that the czarina,  
fearing the baleful influence of a  
historic rug sent by the Sultan of  
Turkey as a gift to the imperial  
parents on the occasion of the  
infant's birth, has sent the young  
heir to the throne to a hiding  
place known only to herself and  
the czar. The rug sent by the  
sultan is said to be one known as  
"The Blood stained Rug of the  
Tenth Century," which was taken  
from the walls of a Moorish palace  
in the twelfth century, when it  
was pronounced bewitched. It  
next appeared in Rome in the four-  
teenth century, but was banished  
from an Italian palace because of  
its uncanny influence and was  
moved from place to place during  
the next 100 years, leaving death  
and destruction in its wake. It  
was lost during the sixteenth  
century, reappearing in the palace  
of the sultan at the beginning of  
the eighteenth.

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### Back to Nature.

"You didn't put any egg in the  
coffee," said the man in the brown  
duck trousers, looking discontent-  
edly into his tin cup. "It's liquid  
mud, that's what it is, and noth-  
ing else." The camper in disorder-  
ed flannel replied, says a writer in  
the Chicago News, that if his com-  
panion did not like it, he could try  
it himself the next meal. "This is  
coffee, at all events," he added, "if  
it isn't as clear as it might be.  
Your attempt last night would have  
made a good omelette—for a man  
who likes coffee omelette. And  
you've burned the bacon too."

"I don't put saleratus in the  
biscuits instead of baking powder,  
any way?" retorted the other.

"Cut it out, my friend," said  
the man in flannels. "We'll quar-  
rel, first we know. Do we fish this  
morning?"

"We do if you'll clean 'em. I'm  
tired of cleaning fish for you to  
eat."

"Don't you eat 'em too?"

"I suppose I do," said the other,  
gloomily. "Eating is force of habit,  
I guess. What are you taking your  
shoes off at the breakfast-table for?  
Haven't you any manners?"

"Sand in my shoes."

"What's the use? You can't  
keep it out. You might as well try  
to keep the crickets out of the  
blankets. No news of the washing,  
I suppose."

"No chance of it for another  
week. I hailed Pete as he went by  
this morning. Tried to get him to  
give a paper, but he said it was  
more than his job was worth. It's  
going to be another roaster today.  
Did you sleep last night. I don't  
believe I did."

"Yes, I'm getting a little used  
to the cot now, and it isn't so bad  
since I cut that slit to let my hip  
bone through. 'Skeeters nearly ate  
me up, though."

"We'll build another big smudge  
tonight."

"Oh, I'd just as soon have the  
'skeeters. Water's muddy again.  
No use trying to fish. I got four  
leeches on my leg when I was tak-  
ing my dip this morning. Forgot  
about putting salt on 'em until I  
had dragged one off by main  
strength."

"Sore?"

"Yes."

"Jim," said the man in the duck  
trousers, after an eloquent pause,  
"it has occurred to me that there  
ain't any leeches in my bath tub  
at home. The water's clear, too,  
and the rack is always supplied  
with clean towels. Hot water for  
shaving, too. And I've got draw-  
ers full of cricketless, sandless un-  
derwear. Jim, do you know, even  
a starched collar would feel pretty  
good to my neck, just now?"

"Mine, too," said Jim.

"And how would you like to go  
down to breakfast and find a table  
set with damask and silver, a ripe  
Rocky Ford melon stuffed with ice,  
broiled ham and buttered toast,  
and nice little cubes of potatoes  
fried a golden brown? And coffee,  
eh? Aromatic, translucent and  
transcendent, with nice, thick,  
creamy cream?"

The man in flannels got up  
abruptly and went into the tent,  
where he began stuffing clothes into  
a dress-suit case.

"Billy," he called. "there's  
nothing here Pete can't pack up  
and ship after us! I'm no hog. I  
know when I've got enough. Want  
to get into a canoe with me and  
paddle the first lap toward civiliza-  
tion?"

"I'm with you," said the man  
in duck trousers.—Exchange.

### Weather Report.

New Orleans, Nov. 25.—Tonight,  
partly cloudy. Sunday, generally  
fair; light southerly winds.

CLINE.

Latest in visiting cards just re-  
ceived at THE HERALD office.

### REUBEN AT THE FAIR.

Visits San Antonio and Exhibits Whole-  
Wholesale Astonishment at the Ex-  
treme Bigness of Things.

Reuben was walking slowly down  
Giggle Alley with his mouth open  
and his eyes strained to see every-  
thing new and strange—and every-  
thing that there is to see seemed  
both new and strange to him—that  
there is in that most popular por-  
tion of the Fair Grounds.

Finally he could not help but  
ask a question or two.

"Do all these there folks come  
from Santonei?" he asked a passer-  
by.

"Hardly," was the reply; "some  
of them are here from Houston  
and Mexico."

"Never heard of sich a place,"  
responded Reuben.

The stranger tried to tell him  
where Mexico is, but Reuben didn't  
understand.

"You reckon it's as first 'other  
way as I come this way?" he  
asked.

"I think so," responded the  
other.

"Must be on the very edge of  
the airth, then?" Reuben was  
way.

"Perhaps," responded the stran-  
ger.

"Wall," Reuben was speaking  
very slowly, "of it's true that the  
airth air as big 'other way as 'tis  
tie way I come—she's a whop-  
per."

The conversation turned to Hous-  
ton, and Reuben asked how big a  
place it was. After being told it  
was nearly as big as San Antonio,  
he hesitated a moment and then  
said:

"I'd like ter see it. Ef she's as  
big as Santonei I can't tell fer the  
life o' me what everybody does fer  
a livin'."—San Antonio Express.

### Some Postscripts.

Sir Conan Doyle and other pub-  
lic spirited men have started in to  
ascertain whether tobacco can be  
grown profitably in Ireland.

Emperor William wished Joac-  
him, the famous violinist, to give  
the German crown prince lessons,  
but the music master declined the  
honor.

Julien Tiersot, the noted French  
author, has arrived in this country  
on a lecturing tour. He is libra-  
rian of the National conservatory  
in Paris and author of several works  
on music.

A rich Frenchman died some  
time ago and willed his great steam  
yacht to the government to be used  
by French ambassadors. It could  
not be used by them, but at last  
has been turned over to the gov-  
ernor of French West Africa, who  
sails up and down the coast in it.

The duty of Bedford, the ground  
landlord of Covent Garden market,  
London, derives over \$75,000 a  
year from that space alone. It  
came into the possession of the  
Bedford family three centuries ago,  
at a time when its yearly value was  
estimated at about \$32.

Dr. Thwing, president of the  
Western Reserve university, is  
credited with a clever mot in con-  
nection with the recent horse show  
in New York. In company with  
another educator he visited the  
show one evening and his friend  
remarked that it seemed more of a  
dress exhibition than one of equine  
excellence. "In other words,"  
said Dr. Thwing, "it is a clothesline  
instead of a horse rein."—Hous-  
ton Post.

### At The Fair.

Albert A. Browne, Deputy Col-  
lector of Customs at Brownsville,  
is in the city taking in the Fair  
and is much pleased with every-  
thing. Giggle Alley is his chief  
haunt, but occasionally he takes a  
stroll among the booths in the  
main building, where the free  
lunch demonstrations are being  
made.—Express.